## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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September 3, 2009

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Caroline R. Massey Assistant Director Management Operations US-NASA Wallops Flight Facility Building F6 Wallops Island, VA 23337

RE:

Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0024457 US-NASA Wallops Island Flight Facility Wallops Island, VA 23337

Dear Ms. Massey:

The enclosed effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for the above referenced permit have been approved. Additionally, enclosed are copies of the fact sheet pages that describe public participation in the permitting process. Please replace the pages in fact sheet that you received with the draft permit with these pages.

Your permit is also enclosed. In accordance with the permit, you are required to submit monitoring reports to the following address:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Tidewater Regional Office 5636 Southern Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23462

The reporting forms are included with the permit. You will be responsible for obtaining additional copies of the reporting forms. The first report (DMR) is due for the month of October 2009 by November 10, 2009. The first report (DMR) is due for the fourth quarter of 2009 by January 10, 2010. The first report (DMR) is due for the first semiannual period of 2010 by July 10, 2010.

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have thirty days from the date of service (the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a notice of appeal in accordance with the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia with the Director, Department of Environmental Quality. In the event that this decision is served on you by mail, three days are added to that period.

Alternatively, any owner under Section 62.1-44.16, 62.1-44.17, and 62.1-44.19 of the State Water Control Law aggrieved by any action of the State Water Control Board taken without a formal hearing, or by inaction of the Board, may demand in writing a formal hearing of such owner's grievance, provided a petition requesting such hearing is filed with the Board. Said petition must meet the requirements set forth in Section 1.23(b) of the Board's Procedural Rule No. 1. In cases involving actions of the Board, such petition must be

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filed within thirty days after notice of such action is mailed to such owner by certified mail.

A Reliability Class I is assigned to this facility and this facility has Class II licensed wastewater operator requirements.

Note that DEQ has launched an e-DMR program that allows you to submit the effluent data electronically. If you are interested in participating in this program please visit the follow website for details:

http://www.deq.virginia.gov/water/edmrfaq.html

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Sauer at 757-518-2105 or by email at <a href="mark.sauer@deq.virginia.gov">mark.sauer@deq.virginia.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

James R. McConathy Water Permits Manager

JRM/ms

cc: DEQ - OWPP, TRO File EPA - Region III (3WP12) VDH - HQ, RO

Encl: Permit No. VA0024457 Revised Fact Sheet Page(s)

- 27. 'NPDES INDUSTRIAL PERMIT RATING WORKSHEET:
  - N/A This is a municipal facility.
- 28. <u>DEQ PLANNING COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT</u>: Document any comments received from DEQ planning.

The discharge is in conformance with the existing planning documents for the area.

29. <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:</u> Document comments/responses received during the public participation process. If comments/responses provided, especially if they result in changes to the permit, place in the attachment.

VDH/DSS COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from the Virginia Dept. of Health and the Div. of Shellfish Sanitation and noted how resolved.

The VDH reviewed the application and waived their right to comment and/or object on the adequacy of the draft permit.

The DSS provided comments by letter dated March 3, 2009. The DSS stated that the project will go to condemned shellfish waters and will not cause an increase in the size or type of the closure.

EPA COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and noted how resolved.

EPA has no objections to the adequacy of the draft permit.

ADJACENT STATE COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from an adjacent state and noted how resolved.

Not Applicable.

OTHER AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from any other agencies (e.g., VIMS, VMRC, DGIF, etc.) and noted how resolved.

Not Applicable.

OTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM RIPARIAN OWNERS/CITIZENS ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from other sources and note how resolved.

The application and draft permit have received public notice in accordance with the VPDES Permit Regulation, and no comments were received.

PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION: Comment Period: Start Date July 29, 2009
End Date August 28, 2009

Persons may comment in writing or by e-mail to the DEQ on the proposed issuance/ reissuance/modification of the permit within 30 days from the date of the first notice. Address all comments to the contact person listed below. Written or e-mail comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer, and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for comments. Only those comments received within this period will be considered. The Director of the DEQ may decide to hold a public hearing if public response is significant. Requests for public hearings shall state the reason why a hearing is requested, the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the public hearing and a brief explanation of how the requestor's interests would be directly and adversely affected by the proposed permit action.

All pertinent information is on file and may be inspected, and arrangements made for copying by contacting Mark H. Sauer at: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Telephone: 757-518-2105 E-mail: mark.sauer@deq.virginia.gov

Following the comment period, the Board will make a determination regarding the proposed issuance/reissuance/modification. This determination will become effective, unless the Director grants a public hearing. Due notice of any public hearing will be given.

30. ADDITIONAL FACT SHEET COMMENTS/PERTINENT INFORMATION: